

California State University Los Angeles from 1966 to 1968. His distinguished list of memberships includes the Glendale Chamber of Commerce, and the Association of California Community College Administrators. He is also on the board of directors for Crestview Preparatory School and Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy.

In 1968, Dr. Davitt introduced his unique and open management style to our community by taking the position of Administrative Dean of Personnel Services at Glendale Community College. In 1983, he was named Vice President of Instructional Services. Subsequently, in 1985 he became the college's Superintendent-President, transforming the campus into an innovative and productive center for learning. Davitt fervently fosters and promotes ideals of development and growth. As President, he has lead the college through unprecedented achievements. Dr. Davitt is a remarkable man whose unwavering passion and dedication have been instilled not only in the college's faculty, but student body as well.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in congratulating John Davitt on a truly exemplary professional and public service career, and for his immense commitment to Glendale Community College and the students it serves.

H.R. 7

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2003

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, in my district, the Kansas Health Foundation is working to increase the health of Kansans, especially the health of children. Its goal is to make Kansas the best State in the Nation in which to raise a child. By working with individuals, communities, universities and other institutions, the Kansas Health Foundation is helping build a community of people who care about the health and well-being of children and other at-risk individuals.

I rise today in support of H.R. 7, the Charitable Giving Act of 2003. This bill will help organizations like the Kansas Health Foundation raise more funds and ultimately reach more people. All across this country we have organizations, foundations, churches and faith-based groups helping the disadvantaged. I am especially supportive of this bill because it encourages individuals and the private sector to act responsibly toward their neighbors and those who are less fortunate. By increasing the flow of funds to charitable organizations, we will help make America and the world a better place to live.

H.R. 7 will provide more than 85 million Americans who do not itemize on their Federal tax returns the ability to deduct a portion of their charitable contributions. By making it simpler for taxpayers to deduct money for charitable giving, we will be sending a positive message to taxpayers that encourages giving money to organizations that help those in need.

While America is the land of great opportunity, there remain many families, both here

and around the world, that lack food, shelter, medicine and other basic living needs. Millions of individuals across this country pool their resources to help meet many of these needs by giving money to their local churches and non-profit organizations. H.R. 7 will make such acts of goodwill even more rewarding for those who give by allowing taxpayers to claim a deduction for their charitable giving, even if the taxpayer does not itemize.

I applaud House Majority Whip Roy Blunt for sponsoring this important bill that will, in his words, help more charities help more Americans.

The Charitable Giving Act of 2003 further provides financial incentives for charitable giving by allowing older Americans the incentive to make tax-free contributions from their Individual Retirement Accounts. If people want to give donations to help those in need from their retirement savings, I think it is only proper that we reward such acts of generosity.

H.R. 7 would encourage more giving from the private business sector as well. By gradually increasing the cap on corporate charitable contributions from 10 percent to 20 percent over the next decade, Congress will be sending a clear message of community responsibility to corporate America. The more investment a company or business makes in its community, the more goodwill it generates.

I urge my colleagues to join me today in supporting the Charitable Giving Act of 2003. It is a well-crafted, bipartisan bill that deserves our full support.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY IZENBERG
AND PROJECT PRIDE

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2003

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the legendary columnist, Jerry Izenberg, and his immense contributions to the Newark community through his organization, Project Pride.

Jerry Izenberg has been a newspaperman for over 52 years, most recently with the New Jersey Star-Ledger, contributing columns that have appeared throughout the United States, as well as Puerto Rico, Alaska, Mexico, Canada and Italy. As a sportswriter, Jerry Izenberg's accomplishments are incredibly vast. Over his career, he has won numerous literary awards and recognitions, has been inducted into seven Halls of Fame and has been an integral part of the sports world in the United States. To this day, he continues to leave his mark on the sports writing world, all the while inspiring numerous young writers. And above all, Jerry Izenberg has also managed to be a dedicated family man, with his wife, Aileen, four children and four grandchildren.

Despite all of these remarkable professional and personal accomplishments, I can say with confidence that Jerry Izenberg is most proud of his work with Project Pride. As a native of Newark, New Jersey, Jerry knew of the hardships that the people of that area face on a regular basis. When he founded Project Pride

Incorporated 25 years ago, Jerry Izenberg took the personal initiative to create hope and opportunity for the children of Newark. Over the 25 years of its existence, Project Pride has helped send 902 kids to college, allowed the kids in Newark K-5 schools to study a variety of subjects and funded numerous community and athletic programs that have kept as many as 1,000 Newark kids off the streets. What is more amazing, Project Pride has accomplished all of it without accepting a single penny from Federal, State or local funds.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Education and Workforce Committee and a former teacher, I understand the significance of the work that Jerry Izenberg has done for the city of Newark. I know that my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives not only join me today in recognizing the tremendous contributions of Jerry Izenberg and Project Pride, but also commending Jerry for his own personal dedication to continue providing the opportunity to so many of our youths.

A TRIBUTE TO THE ASSOCIATION
OF THEATRICAL PRESS AGENTS
AND MANAGERS

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2003

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, it is my great personal pleasure to rise today in cognition of the Association of Theatrical Press Agents and Managers (ATPAM) for its contribution to the art of stage entertainment so immensely enjoyed by residents of New York and by audiences throughout the Nation and around the globe.

This year marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of ATPAM, an organization that has maintained a prominent place in the entertainment industry since it first received its charter from the American Federation of Labor in 1928. Since its inception, ATPAM, a coalition of press agents, publicity and marketing specialists, company managers and house and facilities managers, has devoted its resources to the enrichment of stage entertainment and the health, vitality, and success of its members.

ATPAM has also dedicated considerable efforts to philanthropy in its support of industry-wide charities such as the Actor's Fund of America and Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. ATPAM was able to expand that objective even further when it decided to affiliate with IATSE and carry its good work to a broader community. Most notable are ATPAM's exemplary actions in the wake of the September 11, 2001 attacks on New York. ATPAM members accepted salary cuts in order to keep Broadway going after 9/11, and mobilized members of other New York theatrical unions to follow their lead.

The Association of Theatrical Press Agents & Managers has been an inspiration to the entertainment industry since its founding seventy-five years ago, and remains a tremendous force for the cultural arts of New York City and beyond. Today, I am proud to stand before Congress and join ATPAM in their celebration.

IN HONOR OF NEIL DESENA

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Neil DeSena for his years of dedicated leadership throughout the community of Bayonne, New Jersey. Mr. DeSena was unanimously selected as the Grand Marshall for this year's Bayonne Columbus Committee parade to be held on Sunday, October 12, 2003.

Mr. DeSena has been a devoted member of the Bayonne community for over thirty years. His exemplary work in local organizations and his understanding of the needs of Bayonne residents have provided a great service to the entire community. First elected as the Third Ward Councilman in 1970, Mr. DeSena served four consecutive four year terms. In 1986, Mr. DeSena was re-elected to the City Council as a Councilman-at-Large. He currently serves as a personal aide to Mayor Joseph V. Doria, Jr.

A veteran of World War II and the Korean War, Mr. DeSena fought on behalf of his country with great honor and valor, receiving an honorable discharge with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

A licensed broker, Mr. DeSena opened his own insurance company in 1982. His natural leadership qualities led him to serve as the president of the Local 164 Insurance Workers International Union, and as a member of the Union's General Executive Board.

Mr. DeSena has received several awards from various community and business organizations, including the Patriots Award for God, Country, and Home from the Catholic War Veterans Post 1612 and the Ladies Auxiliary.

He recently received the 2003 Honor Citizen Award from the New Jersey Honor Legion Police, and is a recipient of the Rudy DeAngelo Foundation Award and the Boy Scout Distinguished Award.

Mr. DeSena pursued professional studies at the Professional School of Business, St. Peter's College, Seton Hall University and Fairleigh Dickinson University. He and his wife Marie are the proud parents of Robert, Julianne, and Neil, and the grandparents of Jessica and Robert Thomas.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Neil DeSena for his years of service and dedication to the citizens of Bayonne.

TRIBUTE TO C. DIXON OSBURN,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SLDN

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2003

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, this November marks 10 years since our Nation imposed the discriminatory law known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" on the lesbian, gay and bisexual patriots of our Nation. During the past decade, almost 10,000 men and women have been fired from our armed forces simply because of their sexual orientation.

Many of those men and women have sought the assistance and advocacy of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN), the Nation's only legal aid and advocacy organization for those harmed by the military's gay ban. In August, SLDN's Executive Director, C. Dixon Osburn, commemorated 10 years of service to the organization he founded and the brave Americans it

serves. Mr. Osburn co-founded the organization in 1993 with former Army Captain Michelle Benecke.

Under Mr. Osburn's leadership, SLDN has provided legal services to 5,000 service members and obtained 35 changes in military policy and practice related to "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue, Don't Harass." Also under his leadership, SLDN's policy efforts have included obtaining new Pentagon and Service policies on anti-gay harassment, an Executive Order on hate crimes in the military and an Executive Order providing, for the first time, a limited psychotherapist privilege in the armed forces.

Due in large part to Mr. Osburn's work, The Boston Globe has said "[SLDN] knows far more than the Pentagon about what reality is like in the military and helps individuals caught in the mess." Deb Price of The Detroit News also commended their work, noting that: "SLDN has repeatedly forced the Pentagon not just to take notice, but to change." And The Nation reports, "It's amazing how much this small legal-aid group has accomplished already."

Mr. Osburn received the 1994 GAYLAW Distinguished National Service Award, and the 1998 Kevin Larkin Award for Public Service from the Massachusetts Lesbian and Gay Bar Association. In 1998, Mr. Osburn was named by The Advocate magazine as one of the Top 10 National Gay Leaders. In 2000, under Mr. Osburn's leadership, SLDN received "Organization of the Year" awards from both the District of Columbia Bar Association Young Lawyers Division and the International Lesbian & Gay Museum of History. I am honored today to recognize his decade of leadership at the helm of SLDN and his unparalleled advocacy for our men and women in uniform.